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Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces returning for the first day of school. We hope that you had a wonderful summer with your family and friends, and that you are now ready for an exciting and memorable school year. We would like to extend a very special welcome to our new families. Thank you to teachers who came in during the summer to prepare their classrooms. The school has a warm and welcome feel to it. Thank you also to our caretakers for the amazing job they do and continue to do to make the school a healthy and clean place to learn. As always, we encourage the participation and involvement of parents in our school community by volunteering in classrooms or the library, Parent Nights, and Literacy Workshops and maintaining open communication through the use of notes, the Student Agenda or phone calls. Another way to get involved is being part of our School Council. Our first School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday October 9th at 7pm in the library.

You can always assist at home by establishing a nightly routine around reading. We look forward to a positive, purposeful and exciting year of learning for your children.

I would just like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Elizabeth Lue-Kim, and I am looking forward to a rewarding experience as the principal of Charles Howitt P.S.

Our staff look forward to meeting you at our Meet the Teacher Night on October 4th and working with you as a partner in your child(ren)'s education.

Elizabeth Lue-Kim
Principal



Character Calendar

Respect, **Responsibility**, Honesty, Empathy,
Fairness, Initiative, Perseverance,
Integrity, Courage, Optimism

Fall Food Drive

Kids helping Kids, with the assistance of CHPS staff, are organizing a Fall Food Drive to help children and families who are less fortunate in our community. The drive will run from Tuesday, October 9 - Friday, October 12, 2018.

Donations of non perishable food items and canned food items would be most welcome. A box will be placed in each classroom and students are asked to place their donations into the boxes.

All donations will be taken to the Richmond Hill Food Bank .



Thank you for sharing and thinking of others during this time of thanks and celebration!

Food Drive



The Book Fair is coming to Charles Howitt P.S.!

The theme of our upcoming book fair is "Enchanted Forest".

It will take place from November 19 to November 23, 2018.

Stay tuned for more details.

Important Bus Transportation Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Student Bussing Eligibility

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

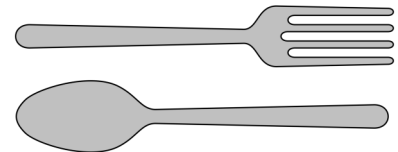
To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

*Please note: As Yonge Street is a major roadway, all students living east of Yonge Street are eligible for bussing regardless of age.

Don't forget to pack spoons and forks

As an Eco School, we try to minimize the daily garbage in the school. Please include a **reusable** fork and spoon in your children's lunches. While the office has on hand a minimal supply of plastic spoons for emergency situations, we can no longer provide cutlery to students on a regular basis.

Thank you for your assistance.



Secondary Schools—Grade 8 Information Sessions

Alexander Mackenzie HS	October 24, 2018	6.30 p.m.
Arts Alexander Mackenzie	October 2, 2018	7:00 p.m.
Alexander Mackenzie-IB Program	October 17, 2018	7:00 p.m.
Bayview Secondary School	January 17, 2019	7:00 p.m.
Bayview S.S. IB Program	October 17, 2018	7:00 p.m.
Bill Crothers	October 2, 2018	7:00 p.m.
Langstaff Secondary School	November 8, 2018	6.30 p.m.
Arts Westmount@ City		
Playhouse Theatre	October 16, 2018	7:00 p.m.

Visit www.yrdsb.ca for information on other schools information nights.

Attention Parents:
Thanksgiving Day
October 8, 2018
Schools are closed

Monday, October 22, 2018 is a PA Day.
There is no school
for students

Smile!

Picture Day is
on
Tuesday,
October 9, 2018



October is IWALK Month

Make a Commitment to Walk This October

IWALK month starts **October 3, 2018**. International Walk to School Month (IWALK) is an annual mass celebration of active transportation taking place around the world every October. The benefits of walking include:

- Helps prepare children for learning
- Keeps students physically and mentally fit
- Builds friendships
- Improves air quality and the environment
- Creates safer neighbourhoods



Join the movement! We encourage all our students to Walk or Wheel for the month of October.

Student Medications

Any student who requires medication during school hours is required to have a York Region District School Board Medication Form completed and signed by his or her parent/guardian. **It is especially important that parents communicate a life-threatening allergy to the school as soon as they are aware of it.** Please notify the principal and your child's teacher so that we take the steps to ensure a plan is in place, and inform staff of the established protocol.

All medication must be stored in the office (with the exception of emergency items such as *additional* EpiPens®), and must be in their own container with medical labels/ prescription information attached.

Forms are available from the office. If your child does need to come to the office for medication please reinforce this responsibility with them and help them to understand their role and responsibilities in this process.

Kid's Kitchen is Back

With the start of school upon us, we're here to remind you that we are here to help! Focus your time and energy on your child(ren) and take a breather yourself. Let us handle the lunches and **serve your child a hot meal at school.**

It's easy. All you have to do is login at www.kidskitchen.ca and place your lunch orders and we'll take care of the rest.

Kid's Kitchen will be offering Hot Lunches at Charles Howitt P.S. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday,

KID'S KITCHEN co.
 We are the hot lunch experts.

Our World Vision Sponsored Child

Our school is very fortunate to have the opportunity to sponsor a child from Bolivia. Some of the proceeds from the school store and other fundraising activities are used to support him.

Hello, My name is Marco Olcar.

I live in Bolivia and I am 4 years old.

My birthday is July 15, 2014. I live with my parents. I am too young to help at home with chores. I like to play with toys. I am in good health.

About my community, Unidos para Vivir major:

In this urban area most residents are young. People move here for work and sometimes live in unsafe settlements. Children in the community mostly enjoy good health and attend school

You can visit our sponsored child's community online at: worldvision.ca/UnidosparaVivirMejor



Self Identification of students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry

PROMOTING SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS OF FIRST NATION, MÉTIS AND INUIT ANCESTRY

The York Region District School Board provides an opportunity for students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit ancestry to self-identify. The process is voluntary and the information gathered will be kept confidential. The self-identification process is the first step in providing:

- Culturally specific learning opportunities or activities;
- Additional support for academic achievement and well-being, including designated support staff;
- Communication between schools, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education staff, Aboriginal students and their families;
- Connections to post-secondary institutions, community groups, service providers and other partners;

More learning opportunities for all members of the

- school community to develop a greater understanding of Aboriginal perspectives, cultures and histories.

New students can self-identify when they register with the Board. Current students can complete an Aboriginal Self-Identification Form which can be obtained from their school.

For further information, please see the Information for Parents and Students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry brochure available from the school or speak with the school principal



Important Information for Gr. 8 students and parents



Information Night for Students and Parents

Are you interested in attending Bill Crothers Secondary School for the school year 2019 - 2020?

Bill Crothers Secondary School is a unique, system-wide program that provides an inclusive and engaging learning environment for students who are motivated by healthy active living and sport while achieving academic success. This school operates on a Balanced School Year (early August to mid-June) schedule which supports the diverse needs of student-athletes. Specialized programming is offered to support our students through our diverse and daily Health and Physical Education and High Performance Athlete Program with contextualized learning in a variety of subject courses. During the school day, we offer an Integrated Learning Instructional Period (ILIP) which provides supervised time for students to achieve their academic goals.

Information Night at: Bill Crothers Secondary School, 44 Main Street, Unionville, Ontario.

Thursday September 27, 2018

and

Tuesday October 2, 2018

**Information sessions will be from 7:00 – 8:30 pm
in the school cafeteria (3rd floor) and/or Gym A
You are welcome to attend either of the evenings.**

Admission to Bill Crothers Secondary School is by application and is open to students who reside in York Region entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. Students must declare the sport in which they compete at the highest level outside of school and will not be able to compete in this sport for BCSS in the YRAA (York Region Athletic Association) or OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association) league. Alternative competitive options are being explored. Secondly, students who transfer in for grade 10, 11 and 12 are subject to YRAA and OFSAA transfer rules. Please refer to the YRAA website (<http://www.yraa.com>).

Due to limited space and building capacity regulations, we ask that **only families with students interested in attending BCSS for the school year 2019 - 2020** attend one of these evenings. Parking is limited so we ask that you carpool or park at the GO Station. **By-law officers will enforce the parking regulations.**

Applications will be available from the website on Wednesday October 3, 2018.

For further information, contact shirley.difebo@yrdsb.ca

*To develop the love of sport through learning and the love
of learning through sport.*



Important Information for Gr. 8 students and parents



Creativity Thrives At Arts Mackenzie

Let Arts, Academics and Innovation Guide Your Secondary School Experience

York Region District School Board's four year, specialized Arts secondary program, is designed for students who learn through arts education techniques. While working towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, students are required to take a minimum of eight Arts credits in their chosen discipline. Students may apply to study one of the following Arts Mackenzie disciplines: dance, music (strings, instrumental, vocal), theatre or visual arts.

Over the four years at Arts Mackenzie, students will develop strong artistic, academic and resiliency skills. Arts Mackenzie students are incorporated into the academic and extra-curricular life at Alexander Mackenzie High School.

Benefits of Enhancing Your Secondary School Experience with Arts Mackenzie:

- Academic programming enhanced by two arts credits in your discipline per year to achieve OSSD and YRDSB Specialized Arts Certificate
- A kinaesthetic instructional approach to acquiring traditional, digital and financial literacy skills
- Develop confidence and perseverance while building transferable skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and higher order thinking
- Extended learning opportunities from professional guest artists, unique field trips, and cross-curricular activities






Application Deadline:

Applications for September 2019 are due to Alexander Mackenzie High School by **November 30, 2018**. Auditions will be held in **January 2019**. Students who submit a completed application on time will be guaranteed an audition.








For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/ARTSMackenzie> or contact arts.alexandermackenzie@yrdsb.ca.

Charles Howitt P.S.

October, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Day 4 Bus Evacuation Training	2 Day 5 Comic Art Workshop for grades 2-4	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 Meet the Teacher BBQ 5:30-7:15 p.m.	5 Day 3 Gr. 7 - Hep B and HPV	6
7	8 Thanksgiving Day Schools are Closed	9 Day 4 Picture Day  School Council Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Day 5 Cross Country Area Track Meet	11 Day 1	12 Day 2 Cross Country Rain Date	13
14	15 Day 3 Gr. 7's to Kortright Centre	16 Day 4 Pizza Lunch 	17 Day 5 Gr. 7's to McMichael Canadian Art Collection Regional Cross Country Meet	18 Day 1 Sub Lunch 	19 Day 2	20
21	22 P.A. Day No school for students	23 Day 3 Pizza Lunch 	24 Day 4	25 Day 5 Sub Lunch 	26 Day 1	27
28	29 Day 2	30 Day 3 Pizza Lunch 	31 Day 4	1 Day 5 Sub Lunch 	2 Day 1	3

Charles Howitt P.S. November, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Day 5 Sub Lunch 	2 Day 1	3
4 Daylight Savings Time ends - Clocks go back 1 hour	5 Day 2	6 Day 3 Pizza Lunch 	7 Day 4	8 Day 5 Picture retake Day Sub Lunch 	9 Day 1	10
11  <i>Let's We Forget</i>	12 Day 2	13 Day 3 Pizza Lunch 	14 Day 4	15 Day 5 Int. Boys Area Volleyball Tournament Sub Lunch	16 Day 1	17
18	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 Int. Girls Volleyball Tournament Pizza Lunch	21 Day 4 Progress Reports go home	22 Day 5 Sub Lunch	23 PA Day No school for students	24
Book Fair at Charles Howitt						
25	26 Day 1	27 Day 2 Pizza Lunch 	28 Day 3	29 Day 4 Sub Lunch 	30 Day 5	